



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1623**

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	Group Art Unit	1623
	Examiner Name	G. Kunz
	Title	Method for Nucleic Acid Preparation

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 17, 1999 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before November 17, 1999. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 and amend claims 1, and 18-20 as shown below. The remaining claims have been reiterated for Examiner's convenience.

1. (Amended) A method of desalting and concentrating a nucleic acid within a sample, said method comprising the steps of:

subjecting a sample comprised of a nucleic acid to anion exchange purification to obtain a purified sample;

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- Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 (8 pages)
- Return Receipt Postcard

CLAIMS

No. of claims as filed or after amendment		Most claims previously paid		Extra claims		Fee from below		Fee Due
Total claims	19	-	20	=	0	x	=	0
Ind. claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	=	0
Multiple Dependent claims			0		0	x		0

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	78	202	39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	204	130	Multiple dependent claim
109	78	209	39	Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	Reissue claims in excess of and over original patent

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